

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7 16-20, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite.

Claim 1 is amended overcome the indefiniteness by calling for “providing a training means with access for certifying and recertifying of a potential user including providing a menu of tools and processes to be certified or recertified and providing means for selection of tools and processes for the potential user to be certified or recertified to use and providing a listing for selection of trainers who are in the database to train the potential user to be certified or recertified.”

The claim is definite by calling for providing a training means with access for certifying a potential user. It further makes clear that the training means includes providing a menu of tools and processes to be certified or recertified and providing a listing of trainers to train the potential user. The claim also corrects the antecedent for and/or and removes “system” and replaces it with database. Claim 1, as amended, is therefore deemed clear and definite and patentable with the deficiencies removed. The examiner also rejects claim for failing to comply with written description under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph but with the removal of “training manager” and “materials” from the claim this objection is believed to be overcome with the removal of the term. Clearly the paragraphs mentioned describe “providing a training means with access for certifying and recertifying of a potential user including providing a menu of tools and processes to be certified or recertified and providing means for selection of tools and processes for the potential user to be certified or recertified to

use and providing a listing for selection of trainers who are in the database to train the potential user to be certified or recertified.”

Claim 7 is amended. Claim 7, as amended, calls for “means for certifying and recertifying a potential user including providing training access and providing a menu of tools and processes to be certified or recertified and means for selection of tools and processes and providing a listing of trainers for selection who are in the system to train before giving access to the tools or processes.” This is deemed clear and definite for the reasons discussed above in connection with Claim 1. The objected language is believed to be removed. It is not seen where this is taught or suggested in either reference. Claim 7, as amended, is therefore deemed allowable over the references.

The specification is amended to clarify the wording for log points and operations. The term “log points” refers to steps to build a device and the term “operations” refers to subsets of the step to build the device. By the amendments made herein it is believed that the description is clear and supported in the original specification. Claims 16 and 21 are amended to use the more common terminology of steps rather than log points. It is clear that this is understood from the specification. Claim 16, as amended, calls for “means for certifying and recertifying a potential user including means for auditing a person to be a potential user; said auditing means including means for determining if the audit is a subform or a primary form where said subform addresses devices that use unique combinations/sequences of steps to build a device and operations on a tool; and if a primary form or subform means for determining if the audit is an initial certification or recertification.” Claim 21 calls for “auditing a

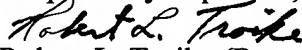
person to be a user comprising the steps of determining if the audit is a subform or a primary form where said subform addresses devices that use unique combinations/sequences of steps to build a device and operations on a tool; and if a primary form or subform determining if the audit is an initial certification or recertification.” These claims are now deemed clear and definite. The use of the amended language is clearly supported by the specification and therefore the written requirement rejection is also overcome.

In view of the amendment to the claims the rejection of claims 1 and 7 and 16-24 as failing to copy with the written description requirement is also overcome.

Claims 1, 7 16, 17, 18 and 23 are also amended to overcome the errors pointed out by the examiner.

In view of the above amendments applicants Claim 1, as amended, and 7, as amended, Claim 16, as amended, 17, as amended, 18, as amended, 21, as amended, and 23, as amended, are now deemed clear and definite and patentable over the references. Dependent claims 19, 20, 22 and 24 dependent on allowable claims are clear and are deemed allowable and an early notice of allowance of these claims is deemed in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully requested;


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